

REMARKS

Embodiments associated with new claims 31-41 are illustrated in FIGS. 7-17, respectively, of Applicants' patent application.

The Examiner rejected claims 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Lee (U. S. Publication No. 2002/0055243).

The Examiner rejected claims 18, 19, 22, 25 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Lee in view of Naik et al. (U. S. Pat. No. 6,245,662).

The Examiner rejected claims 20 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Lee in view of Pang (U. S. Pat. No. 6,177,329).

Since claims 1-30 have been canceled, the rejection of claims 1-30 is moot.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 09-0456.

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